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- (1) EP Patent No. 1 464 248;
- (2) DE Patent No. 43 05 369;
- (3) DE Patent No. 89 14 443.0;
- (4) EP Patent No. 0 325 923;
- (5) International Publication No. WO 96/00514;
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 5,549,779;
- (7) GB Patent No. 1 308 074;
- (8) CH Patent No. 24 16 76;
- (9) U.S. Patent No. 1,945,255;
- (10) U.S. Patent No. 4,413,921;
- (11) U.S. Patent No. 5,340,226;
- (12) U.S. Patent No. 5,957,607;
- (13) DE Patent No. 101 06 834;
- (14) DE Patent No. 27 18 957;

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- (15) DE Patent No. 27 59 610;
- (16) DE Patent No. 27 59 856;
- (17) DE Patent No. 30 28 237;
- (18) DE Patent No. 40 05 894;
- (19) International Publication No. WO 96/00514; and
- (20) GB Patent No. 1 538 188.


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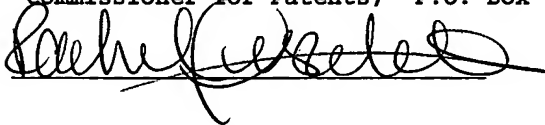
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